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SINKING SPRING
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WE GROW PEONIES —NOTHING ELSE

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THE QUEEN OF FLOWERS—THE
FLOWER FOR THE MILLION AND
THE MILLIONAIRE

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DAVID STERNBERGH

THERE are supposed to be over two thousand varieties of Peonies, and, unfortunately,—more coming. They are NOT all good. In form, some are in-artistic freaks—tho highly lauded. Others are utterly impossible in color. Hundreds, tho masquerading under different seductive titles at high prices, are identical. Our mission for years has been to sort and sift, and to-day by reason of this process of elimination, we offer only the choicest and best, and the most distinct of the many hundred varieties in cultivation. This relieves you of the perplexing problem of selecting from confusing and endless lists of varieties. We are thus specialists in the truest sense; which means not merely the offering of the best sorts, and ONLY the best; but includes the guarantee that every root we send out is true to name, and the stock high-grade, liberally grown “quality stock,” offered at the lowest consistent prices.

FORWARD

Our many customers of 1920 perceived no change and few even now are aware that, as the shipping season of 1920 began, MOHICAN PEONY GARDENS changed ownership and management. The principles and policies so well established during the past twenty years remain unchanged—

We shall continue to be Peony Specialists.

We shall continue to offer the choicest and best Peonies ONLY—
from a limited number of well chosen varieties.

We shall continue to give as big roots as possible.

We shall discontinue varieties and add new ones with the attention of the specialist serving customers who have not the time to study the problems that go with Peony culture.

Additional land has been purchased, more than doubling our gardens and making it possible to give our roots ample time to develop before offering them to our customers.

All in all we are going to serve our friends in such a way that we shall always be worthy of the thoughts expressed in the many kind letters recently received, a few of which are quoted elsewhere in these pages. If you deal with us you will share with us the joy of seeing Mohican Peonies excel.

Sincerely,

Mohican Peony Gardens

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THE MODERN DOUBLE HERBACEOUS PEONY

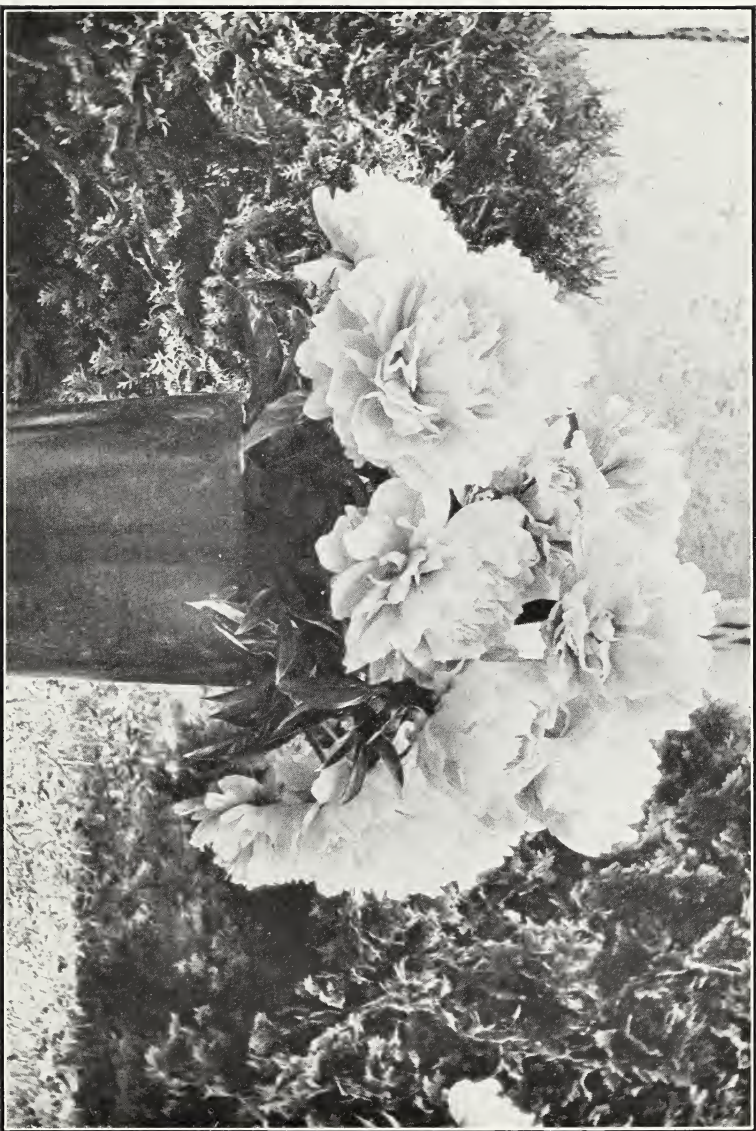
(*Paeonia Herbacea Sinensis*)

THE PEONY is crowned Queen of the whole realm of Flora. Allowing for due prejudice and enthusiasm on our part, it seems to us that this fact is beyond question or dispute. When we first ventured the assertion years ago in our annual catalog, we confess to some trepidation in doing so, lest in our zeal we should be taken to account by somebody, and be named either mad, or heretics, for daring to call the Peony "Queen of Flowers" over the Rose. But in a very few years the modern improved Peony has made such remarkable strides in public favor, and its truly regal magnificence is so much better understood and realized by the general public, that we believe today there are thousands of people who will agree with us when we say that there is no flower so well deserves the title of Queen.

It seems but yesterday that Peony enthusiasts, tho a merry little band, were few in numbers; but they were patient and they were wise, for they knew of the long years of patient labor of those men devoted to hybridizing and intercrossing, and the marvels that had been—and were being—wrought in Peony improvements, and that this flower would one day, in all its wealth of perfect loveliness, take its place as the Queen of Flowers. That time has now arrived, and while there are a few people here and there who have not yet been brought to the realization (because they have perhaps never seen the improved Peony) that the day of the old red "Piney" of childhood days is past, who that has looked upon the best of the glorious modern blooms will honestly compare them unfavorably to the loveliest Rose that ever bloomed in a professional's greenhouse?

In view, therefore, of the now generally and well understood merits of the Peony as it is today, we think that to attempt oratorical flights by way of eulogy would be superfluous in this edition of our annual catalog. We think it rather more necessary—as will appear further on—to call your attention to some details about the business end of the Peony—matters of vital importance to purchasers—which have long needed some expounding.

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FESTIVA MAXIMA: Sixty years since its introduction, it remains to-day unequalled in its Class and Color.

A PROMINENT British grower of Peonies has well said that "the Peony is the flower for the million and the millionaire." By this he probably meant that there is no flower that serves so well or is so extensively employed for glorious and imposing effects on the grounds and estates of the wealthy class, and at the same time is so well adapted to the modest garden where no attendant is employed and where the hours spent by the owner in his or her garden are limited. For the Peony is independent and vigorous, and takes care of itself.

Once planted, all is done; nothing more is required beyond perhaps a liberal dressing of bone-meal every fall, and each succeeding year adds to the size and beauty of the flowers. Consider these features: The Peony is as hardy as the oak—singularly free from diseases as well as insect pests of any sort. No dusting, spraying or hand-picking of worms. No roots to take up each fall, as with the dahlia. The foliage is rich and glossy and of a beautiful deep green color, thus rendering the plants very ornamental even when out of flower. All of the improved varieties are deliciously sweet-scented, and many surpass the rose and carnation in delicacy of fragrance. The flowers are of immense proportions, reaching in some instances the large size of seven to nine inches in diameter and five to six inches in depth. The range of color, too, is so varied that almost every tint of pink, red, and crimson is comprised in the list. Many of the varieties are as chaste, delicate and refined as the daintiest rose.

Now there are upwards of two thousand varieties of Peonies, and it is a fact—which no grower or nurseryman can honestly dispute—that hundreds of them are so nearly alike as to be practically identical. In any event, only an expert can distinguish the difference. If you send to certain worthy growers for a catalog or list you will be confronted with more or less accurate descriptions of perhaps from two to five hundred sorts. The average retail customer is confused and perplexed by this array. He wants a few of the very best—the newest and most desirable; perhaps a half dozen or a dozen and perhaps not even that many kinds, to plant either singly amongst his shrubs or to arrange in beds. He doesn't know which to choose. Each description in the big catalog seems to outdo the one just gone before. He plods on for awhile, then finally goes back to the head of the list and starts afresh.

At last, in desperation, he makes a selection, and he is quite as likely to get the poorest as the best. And we may add that we cannot agree with the expressed opinion that "there are no poor ones." There are! Some well-advertised varieties are poor in form; others last no time at all, even if cut in the bud and placed in water. Some of the tricolored varieties are distressing combinations of color. We have in mind in particular one extensively boomed tricolor that can scarcely be said to sustain its reputation for beauty.

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The incomparable EUGENE VERDIER
We consider this the Greatest Peony in cultivation. Three other inferior
sorts are being sent out under the name.

Our List

Our list now consists of exactly ninety carefully selected sorts of Double Herbaceous Peonies. Frankly this number of varieties is in excess of the number that really should be offered to the genreal retail trade, unfamiliar as it is with Peony nomenclature and the many distinctions—often without difference. Every grower, if he wanted to be honest about it, would confirm this statement. But, all within the past few years, there has come into existence a steadily increasing number of Peony cranks; and we use this term in a complimentary sense, if we may so express it, certainly without disrespect, for we are members of the order ourselves. These customers demand the new and “rare” varieties and they will have them, whether or not these new sorts actually surpass the older standard kinds.

We are, and have been, growing for years several hundred varieties. The number and character of the varieties in our fields had been constantly changing and shifting, as we have cast some out as not entirely worthy and tried the new ones as they came into general cultivation. We deem our ninety sorts the **CHOICEST AND BEST AND THE MOST DISTINCT OF THE MANY HUNDRED VARIETIES IN CULTIVATION.** The points constantly kept in mind in making the selection have been size, perfection of form, fragrance, vigor of bloom, lasting quality of cut flowers, and landscape effect. The entire range of form and color is covered absolutely, and all of the exquisite and really worthy new things of French and British production have been added. If you do not find listed in this booklet a variety you think ought to be there, it is because a better one has displaced it, or, for the reason that it is practically identical with one listed. For example: there is “Albatre.” We do not list it because it is absolutely identical with our “Avalanche.” Likewise, (as an instance in the case of the lower priced sorts) we do not offer “Delicatissima,” because we have been unable to observe any marked difference between it and “Floral Treasure.” We may add here that we do not offer Tree Peonies, Peonies of the *Officinalis* section, nor the single varieties. The first named is very hard to manage, slow of growth, and does not fully mature under ten years. The *Officinalis* sorts are also slow to increase and for several reasons are undesirable; while the single Peonies are in slight demand and rather unsatisfactory.

Planting

The Peony is of such easy culture that there is little to be said by way of instructions as to planting, altho we send out a little book of instructions with every order. It is scarcely necessary to say, that Peonies respond nobly to liberal culture. Prepare your ground well, therefore, by working up deep, rich soil with

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MADAM DUCEL: Big globular compact flower with petals somewhat incurved
like a *Chrysanthemum*.

a good quantity of bonemeal incorporated and you will be well repaid by the increased size of fancy blooms and the general vigor of the plants. It is best to avoid the use of all animal fertilizer. The root should be set in the ground with the topmost "eyes" about three inches below the surface of the soil, and the ground well firmed around it—*using care not to damage the tender buds*. For permanent planting Peonies should be set from three to four feet apart each way, and left undisturbed indefinitely. When it is desired to intersperse Peonies among other hardy garden flowers, or at intervals along a border of shrubs, they should be planted in groups of from three to five, each group to be of one variety. In arranging a bed of Peonies of from fifteen to fifty roots—according to the space at command—we strongly urge the planting of one variety. For while sorts may be had that bloom in theory about the same time, the result is never satisfactory, for in fact they come straggling into bloom one after the other and the effect desired is never wholly gained. A bed of one fine sort is a magnificent sight.

Time to Plant—Not in the Spring Season

It is a pity—for the sake of the Peony—that when the fall sets in the great majority of people forget about flowers and their gardens and turn to other things, for the fall season is the only season in which the Peony should be moved. We have discontinued spring shipments and supply roots only in the fall. To move Peonies at any other season than the months of September and October means a set-back from which the roots sometimes do not recover for two years. Most general nurserymen will supply Peonies at nearly any season of the year that they can be gotten out of the ground. But we are building up a reputation for fair dealing; that is to say, when we sell you Peonies we want them to start right in to "work" for you from the beginning, without a set-back through moving at the wrong season. We have faith that our methods will thus redound to our credit.

Carefully observant growers agree generally that, under normal conditions, the best time for moving Peonies is during the month of September and early October, since it is desirable that *some* root-growth be obtained after moving and before freezing weather sets in. Buds for the following season's bloom are fully ripened by the last week in August; the foliage still being green at this period being no indication whatever to the contrary. We begin digging on September 1st and continue to fill orders as late in the year as the ground remains open.

While our system of growing is such that we are able to fill the last order received with the same grade of stock with which we fill the very first one in, yet

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TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION DE LILLE.—One year old and blooming. Nevertheless we allow plants such as these, to grow another two years before we send them to you—*AT ONE-YEAR PRICES.*

it is a help to us—for several reasons—to have all orders in early. We ask, therefore, that customers send in their lists as soon after the receipt of this catalog as convenient.

Purchase Your Peonies from TRUE Peony Specialists

In these days practically every one offering Peonies calls himself a "Peony Specialist." Those who grow "other things" besides Peonies—even the general nurserymen—are "Peony Specialists." The phrase is easy. But with us the Peony is the "whole thing." It has our undivided time and attention, devotion and study. We grow Peonies and nothing else. We are thus specialists in a sense which possesses a legitimate value and significance, and the reasonableness of our suggestion, that you purchase your roots from TRUE specialists, becomes apparent. We have no slighting words to say about the many reliable firms of general nurserymen; but it seems a rational conclusion that concentration of effort—specializing—by an individual or firm, upon any one branch of horticulture, would be productive of the best results for intending purchasers. The argument applies in every field of human effort. It is especially applicable in Peony culture, for it may be said without reservation that Peony nomenclature is in the utmost confusion. Many listed varieties are spurious, and new and weird names are coined every season and applied to old varieties. The most charitable interpretation to be put upon this proceeding is, that it is done because the growers have lost track of things in their fields, and not because they want to lead the public to believe they are offering new varieties. Many of the varieties we offer are difficult to obtain *true* in any quantity, and much of our original stock of certain sorts was secured at very high prices, which we were willing to pay because we knew the stock to be correct. Even such well-known and distinct varieties as Festiva Maxima, Couronne d'Or, etc., are often spurious as received from supposedly responsible growers, and, as we indicate elsewhere, three inferior Peonies are being sent out in place of Eugene Verdier.

We have labored and studied, and spent years of time and a great deal of money to get our varieties true, and *we so guarantee them*; that is to say, while we are not infallible, and mistakes will very occasionally occur, such mistakes are always due to errors in labeling, or in shipping, and not to mistakes in our varieties. For, our fields are thoroly "rogued" from end to end, and we KNOW that *there is not a single wrong plant in our entire acreage of Peonies*. This, we rather think, cannot truthfully be said of any other commercial Peony plantation in this country.

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MADAM EMILE CALLE: A refined and rarely beautiful flower.

Size of Roots—"Divisions"—"One Year"—"Two Year"— "Small"—"Medium," Etc.—Confusion of Terms —Important, Read Carefully

The rapidly growing interest in the modern Peony—a popular interest which has attained such proportions that it is not out of harmony to speak of the situation as a "boom in Peonies," has brought so prominently to the front the question of *size of roots sent out to customers*, that it is only second in importance to the question of *true stock*; that is, the securing of varieties true to name.

The question needs some expounding. Inasmuch as fair and honorable competition is desirable, it is to be regretted that some growers have obscured the situation by employing ambiguous terms in quoting size of roots. Thus the sizes named as "divisions," "one-year," "two-year," "small," "medium," etc., are meaningless, unless the customer has a knowledge (perhaps from previous purchases) of that particular grower's "version" of just what these terms mean. The word "division" as applied to Peonies is a trade term, but it seems to be a very elastic one with some growers, and there is opportunity for much misrepresentation. A more or less mature plant is taken up and divided, *i.e.*, cut into pieces. These divisions are either replanted, by way of propagating, or sold as divisions as the case may be. But a grower in dividing may cut the plant into *very* small pieces. The point we wish to make is obvious, which is, that not only is there no standard for the size of a division, and the piece of root you get depends upon the liberality of the grower, but also the more important fact, that one of these tiny divisions replanted by the grower is, after one or two growing seasons, sold as a one- or two-year plant—which, strictly speaking, it is—yet it will not by then perhaps have attained the size or worth of even merely a *large* division sent out by a more liberal firm. It is plain, therefore, that as there is no fixed standard for the size of a division, the listing of roots as one year old, or two years old, does not indicate their value, unless the buyer has confidence in the grower's liberality in cutting the original divisions.

Our Grade of Stock—Prices Should Not be Compared with Those of Other Growers' One-Year Stock

Eliminating all this misleading, if not actually deceptive listing of "one-year" roots, "two-year" roots, etc., we quote but one grade of plants. Should you decide to favor us with your valued order, you will, we believe, be surprised at the quality of stock we send you. For we mean to continue our liberal policy, by reason of which our business has been doubled and doubled again in recent years. Our system of "dividing" and growing is such that we are able to send out plants that cannot fail to satisfy the most exacting buyer. The stock we

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deliver is heavy, vigorous, liberally grown quality stock that will—if properly planted—produce a *very* satisfactory amount of bloom the first year. It is the kind of stock which some “specialists” and nurserymen call “two-year,” and even “three-year” plants, and send out as such—at corresponding prices. The only exceptions to the grade of stock we promise to supply, are the few sorts listed in Section 5. **PURCHASERS OF THESE SORTS MUST BE CONTENT WITH SMALLER ROOTS ON ACCOUNT OF THE EXTREME SCARCITY (NOT SUPERIORITY) OF THE VARIETIES.**

In soliciting your valued patronage, therefore, we ask a careful consideration of the points we have made, especially in comparing our prices with those of other growers. We know that our rates, considering the grade of roots we offer, are, *to say the least*, as low as the same grade of **TRUE** stock can be had elsewhere.

WE ARE STRICTLY RETAIL AND OUR PRICES NET AS QUOTED, EXCEPT THAT ON ALL ORDERS WE ALLOW THE FOLLOWING

DISCOUNTS

BUT ONLY WHEN CASH ACCOMPANIES ORDER AND IN NO CASE ON THE COLLECTION OFFERINGS

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| Orders amounting to | \$15.00 | 5% off |
| “ “ “ | 30.00 | 10% off |
| “ “ “ | 50.00 and upwards | 15% off |

Quality Versus Profit

When Mr. Sternbergh purchased the Mohican Peony Gardens from Mr. Kline it was thought by some peony growers that profits would receive consideration before quality. That would indeed have been the easy way, for it is easier to grow small roots than Mohican roots. But the right way is better than the profitable way so we choose without hesitation the policy that serves our customers best.

The enormous demand for Mohican Peonies last Fall greatly depleted our stock of large roots. The 1921 PRICE LIST includes only those varieties of which we have a good supply of salable stock. Should the supply of large roots of any variety become exhausted before your order is filled we will suggest a substitute or refund the purchase price of that variety.

The balance of our ninety varieties are on our WAITING LIST, indicating that they are in our gardens growing to meet the Mohican standard, which is your standard. If the variety you want is not in our PRICE LIST perhaps it is in the WAITING LIST for 1922. If so it will pay you to let us grow the plant until it is ready to be transplanted from our garden to yours.

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This catalog is for ordering in 1921 only. If not up to date
SEND FOR OUR LATEST CATALOG and thus avoid delays.

USE THE ORDER BLANK—Write distinctly in the space
provided for all necessary information.

REMITTANCE must be made payable to Mohican Peony
Gardens and may be by check, bank draft, cash in registered letter
or Express or Post Office money order on Sinking Spring, Pa.
CANADIAN PATRONS must ascertain the correct amount of
exchange and add it to their checks, or else remit by Postal money-
order or New York bank draft.

DISCOUNT is allowed according to the schedule on page 15
IF FULL REMITTANCE ACCOMPANIES ORDER. When
credit is asked and allowed no discount is granted.

TRANSPORTATION is always EXPRESS or FREIGHT—
never Parcel Post. Years of experience have taught us that exp-
ress is by far the most satisfactory means of transportation. Ship-
ment will be made by freight only on special request.

Requests for separate shipments on one order cannot be granted,
unless bulk requires the use of more than one shipping case.

Positively no goods sent C. O. D.

No order accepted for less than FOUR DOLLARS (\$4.00).

OUR COLLECTION

The Success of our "Challenge Collection" has been most gratifying. Originally planned for those who know little about peonies and have not the time to study numerous catalogs, the collection has become popular with those who know peonies well and who therefore recognize the merits of the choice varieties offered. They are selected because they are the very cream of our gardens, equal to or surpassing most other kinds in size, perfection of form, fragrance, vigor of bloom and in lasting qualities as cut flowers. They positively are NOT surplus stock such as is often featured in "collections."

Our collection for the season of 1921 must be limited through lack of roots of generous size to twelve varieties, the balance being placed temporarily on the WAITING LIST. They will be back where they belong in 1922.

Under *no circumstances* will we accept orders for the collection where any changes are requested. Additional varieties should be specified in the space provided on the order blank.

OUR CHALLENGE COLLECTION

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| Alexandriana | \$.75 |
| Eugene Verdier | 3.00 |
| Festiva Maxima | 1.00 |
| Floral Treasure | .75 |
| Jeanne d'Arc | .75 |
| Livingstone | 1.50 |
| Madam de Verneville | 1.00 |
| Madam Ducl | 1.50 |
| Madam Emile Galle | 1.50 |
| Marie Lemoine | 1.50 |
| Souvenir de L'Exposition de Bordeaux..... | 2.00 |
| Triomphe de L'Exposition de Lille..... | 1.00 |

\$16.25

THE COLLECTION FOR \$12.00

NO FURTHER DISCOUNT ON ABOVE COLLECTION

PRICE LIST

—OF—

VARIETIES

The name in parenthesis following the variety is that of the originator.

SECTION 1

75 cents each

ALEXANDRIANA (Calot). Very large and full double light pink with silver edges. An unusually strong grower, with great quantities of delightfully fragrant flowers on strong upright stems. A very fine early cut-flower sort. In spite of its comparatively low price, one of the most valuable Peonies we have.

BEAUTE FRANCAISE (Guerin). Very pretty flower. Pale lilac-rose with cream-white collar; center flecked crimson. A very fragrant mid-season bloomer.

DUKE OF WELLINGTON (Calot). A rather late sulphur-white bloom and fragrant. It is a good keeper and highly esteemed by florists for that reason.

FLORAL TREASURE (Rosenfield). An American production of very great merit, and a splendid "hemisphere of fragrance." Very large showy pale lilac-rose, on long, strong stems. A vigorous plant, a wonderful late mid-season bloomer, an altogether ideal cut-flower variety. Very similar, but nevertheless superior to "Delicatissima" which we do not offer.

JEANNE D'ARC (Calot). A glorious flower,—a very "splendor of fragrant loveliness," very similar to "Golden Harvest," but larger, and finer, for which reason we no longer offer that variety. Collar, cream white, shaded with sulphur. Guards, pale lilac-rose, and full high brilliant pink center, with occasional carmine spots. Exquisite, and with the exception of "Gloire de Charles Gombault," the very finest tri-color yet produced. Free mid-season bloomer.

MEISSONIER (Crousse). Large brilliantly-effective, bomb-shaped, purple-red. Fragrant mid-season. A very fine dark Peony, but a little weak in stem.

SECTION 2

\$1.00 each

CANDIDISSIMA (Calot). Very beautiful, large and full double rose-type. Guard petals creamy white, center sulphur-yellow, delicately tinted flesh with a light green heart. Very chaste and refined. Has true honey fragrance. Strong grower, free bloomer, with especially large flowers.

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FESTIVA MAXIMA (Miellez). Very large and full, pure white flower, with few center petals tipped with blood-red spots. A vigorous grower, with massive foliage and long stiff stems. Fragrant, early and free bloomer.

LA ROSIERE (Crousse). Large, compact, globular flower, with broad, imbricated petals; straw-yellow at center with yellowish-white border. In form and effect resembles an enormous tea rose. A beautiful and valuable variety.

MADAM CAMILLE BANCEL (Crousse). Large bomb-shape flower of the rose-type. Uniform, glossy lilac-pink, with brighter reflex and salmon shadings. A late bloomer, beautiful and distinctive.

MADAM de VERNEVILLE (Crousse). Very large, exquisitely beautiful, imbricated, bomb-shaped white. The guard-petals are pure paper-white and very broad, folding over the flower; center daintily suffused with blush and cream, and tipped carmine. The whole flower heavy and compact. Strong grower, a free bloomer, and early with a delightful sweet rose-like fragrance. A superb and remarkable bloom.

MADAM FOULD (Crousse). Very full compact flower. Outer petals milk white, center tinted lilac flecked with crimson. Fine form and build; fragrant and the very latest white to bloom and very valuable for that reason.

MONSIEUR BOUCHERLATAINE (Calot). Enormous full globular bloom. Bright rosy lilac with silver reflections. Fragrant. Mid-season. Beautiful.

TRIOMPHE DE L'EXPOSITION de LILLE (Calot). Large and compact flower of striking double-crown type. Uniform broad petals of pale rose-pink, splashed with violet-rose; guard nearly white. Very strong vigorous grower and a free bloomer. Unusually fragrant. Should be in every collection.

VAN DYKE (Crousse). Loose, bomb-shaped flower of unusually fine pink without a trace of purple. Guard petals are lilac-rose; inside shaded salmon-rose flecked with crimson. Tall stiff stems. A fragrant, free bloomer.

SECTION 3

\$1.50 each

AURORE (Dessert). A rare French variety, difficult to obtain in this country. The fragrant cup-shaped flowers are of soft flesh-pink, with salmon yellow at the base. The prominent stamens add to the effect of sun-rise coloring. Late blooming variety.

CONSTANT DEVRED (Calot). Large full compact flower; striking shade of violet. An effective landscape sort and very lovely as a cut flower. Late.

LIVINGSTONE (Crousse). Enormous, very massive, imbricated and compact bloom. Pale lilac-rose with silver tips; center petals flecked with carmine. A vigorous grower and one of the latest to bloom. Long strong stems. Exquisite in the bud, and a great keeper, but lacking in fragrance. A Peony of the highest class. Unquestionably one of the finest and most valuable sorts in cultivation.

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MADAM DUCEL (Mechin). Enormous, globular and compact bloom. Literally packed with petals, which are somewhat incurved like chrysanthemums. A striking, brilliant shade of pink with silvery reflex. Holds its form and color to the end. Considered by many the very finest formed pink in existence. A magnificent cut-flower variety and wonderfully effective for landscape work. Stands among the very first on our "challenge list." Fragrant and early.

MADAM de GALHAU (Crousse). This is perhaps the loveliest of the late bloomers. The flower is large, full and fragrant, with soft, gloosy flesh-pink petals, bordered with silvery-pink. Blooms freely.

MADAM EMILE GALLE (Crousse). Large, cup-shaped, and imbricated bloom. Exquisite shade of soft lilac, with milk-white center which slowly changes to pronounced cream-color. A refined and rarely beautiful flower not easy to describe. A free bloomer and rather late.

MADemoisELLE ROSSEAU (Crousse). Large full flower with milk-white guard petals and pinkish center. Free mid-season bloomer. A worthy sort.

MARGUERITE GERARD (Crousse). Compact, semi-rose type developing into a crown with stamens. Broad flesh-colored petals, changing to soft fleshy-white. Creamy-white center. Exquisite free-flowering peony and very rare.

MARIE LEMOINE (Calot). This is the absolutely indispensable Peony to any collection, large or small. Exquisitely beautiful, enormous, massive and solid ivory-white, deepening to chamois toward center, and very occasionally tipped with carmine. Invariably a six to seven inch flower, even under indifferent cultivation. Fragrant, and a free bloomer on extra stiff erect stems, it is the very latest white to bloom, and particularly valuable for that reason. A magnificent variety, but so slow to increase, that the genuine thing is still very rare, altho it is offered everywhere, and at all sorts of prices.

VIRGO MARIA (Calot). Immaculate white flower; the one absolutely pure paper-white without markings. Inexpressibly lovely, delicate and refined. Fragrant. Late. The genuine variety is very scarce.

SECTION 4

\$2.00 each

AUGUSTE VILLAUME (Crousse). Very large and full peony-formed bloom, with closely set petals; deep pink fine, vigorous habit; late, splendid variety.

COQUELIN (Dessert). One of the very earliest blooming varieties. The large, cup-shaped bloom of the semi-double type has imbricated petals of a brilliant tyrian-rose tipped with silver. A very rare and beautiful type.

EUGENE REIGNOUX (Dessert). Very rare, early blooming type. The large cup-shaped flowers are a brilliant carmine, shading to purplish pink at the base of the petals.

GERMAINE BIGOT (Dessert). One of Dessert's finest triumphs. Very large compact blooms; color pale lilac-rose; guards splashed with crimson. Free bloomer, borne in clusters.

LAFAYETTE (Dessert). Beautiful fringed variety, especially fine for cutting, the blooms lasting fully two weeks. The flowers are large with exquisitely unique coloring, salmon pink with touches of heliotrope and a delicate tinting of cerise in the reflex. Midseason.

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PIERRE DUCHARTE (Crousse). This is one of the latest bloomers. The flowers are very large and compact with an exquisite fragrance. In color they are a lovely light lilac-pink with a silvery reflex.

SIMONNE CHEVALIER (Dessert). Very large, globular flower. Guards are of a delicate silvery-pink; petals in center are narrow and soft salmon-pink, glazed with lilac. No purple tones. The large fragrant blooms grow in clusters. Especially attractive for cutting. A rare and distinct variety.

SOUVENIR de L'EXPOSITION de BORDEAUX (Dessert). Medium-sized, globular, bomb-shape; very round and full, and of an extraordinary color; a bluish violet, or wine color that does not fade out under the most glaring sun. We consider this one of the most distinct and remarkable Peonies that has yet been introduced. There is nothing else just like it in color and it should be included in every collection. Rare, and difficult to obtain true.

SECTION 5

Prices as Noted

EUGENE VERDIER (Calot, NOT the Dessert variety). Very large, compact, globular bloom of blush-pink, deeper toward the center. Vigorous, profuse and early bloomer; delicately fragrant. Excellent for cutting. \$3.00

LA TENDRESSE (Crousse). Very full, immense flowers with thick, wax-like petals. Color is creamy-white, changing to pure white flecked with crimson. Very fragrant, blooming early in clusters. \$3.00

MADAM AUGUSTE DESSERT (Dessert). Large, imbricated cup-shaped flower, perfect in form with rounded petals of a glossy flesh color tinged with clear carmine; center flecked with crimson. An extra fine variety with beautiful flesh coloring. Blooms freely in early mid-season. \$3.00

MARCELLE DESSERT (Dessert). Immense flowers of perfect form with the exquisite fragrance of a tea rose. The color is a glossy milk-white, splashed with lilac and with occasional crimson flecks in the center. Especially fine foliage. Very desirable. \$4.00

MARIE CROUSSE (Crousse). Exquisite, large globular flower; very full. Soft, salmon-pink, shaded with glossy lilac. Tall, erect and strong grower—free bloomer. Midseason. \$5.00

MILTON HILL (Richardson). Of great size, densely compact and crowded with petals of the finest texture. An exquisite "sea-shell" pink. A late bloomer, and undoubtedly one of Richardson's best productions. \$5.00

MONSIEUR MARTIN CAHUZAC (Dessert). The darkest Peony in existence; almost black; brilliant black maroon with metallic reflex. Large flower of fine form; rounded petals; plant of erect and ideal habits; extraordinary flower and very difficult to obtain. \$6.00

KARL ROSENFELD (Rosenfeld). Very large, compact semi-rose type of a rich, velvety crimson. A brilliant and striking flower. This is the one variety that we have selected this year to add to our collection of perfect peonies. \$6.00

SARAH BERNHARDT (Lemoine). Semi-rose type, late mid-season. Large beautifully formed flowers of a soft, even shade of apple-blossom pink. Blooms abundantly in clusters and has a delicious penetrating fragrance. \$7.00

THERESE (Dessert). Exquisite and very rare sort of recent production. Large, cup-shaped, imbricated flower; glossy flesh color, delicately shaded with pink. Blooms in clusters. The queen of peonies. \$8.00

Read page 16 before ordering.

WAITING LIST

of varieties usually included among our NINTY varieties but withheld
- until large enough to be offered for sale.

ADOLPH ROSSEAU

AGNES MARY KELWAY

ALBERT CROUSSE

ALICE de JULVECOURT

ASA GRAY

AUGUSTE LEMONIER

AVALANCHE

BARONESS SCHROEDER

BERLIOZ

BERNARD de PALISSY

BOULE de NEIGE

CHARLES VERDIER

CLAIRE DUBOIS

COURONNE D'OR

DeCANDOLLE

DORCHESTER

DUCHESS de NEMOURS

EDULIS SUPERBA

EMPEROR NICOLAS

FELIX CROUSSE

GENERAL BERTRAND

GLOIRE DE CHARLES GOMBAULT

GRANDIFLORA

GRANDIFLORA NIVEA PLENA

LAMARTINE

LA TULIPE

MADAM BUCQUET

MADAM CALOT

MADAM CHAUMY

MADAM CROUSSE

MADAM de VATRY

MADAM EMILLE LEMOINE

MADAM FOREL

MADAM GEISSLER

MADEMOISELLE RENEE DESSERT

MARECHAL VAILLANT

MATHILDE de ROSENECK

MODELE de PERFECTION

MODESTE GUERIN

MONSIEUR DUPONT

MONSIEUR JULES ELIE

MONSIEUR KRELAGE

OCTAVIE DEMAY

PETITE RENEE

SOLFATARE

SOUVENIR de L'EXPOSITION UNIVER.
SELLE

UMBELLATA ROSEA

Do not order from this list.

EVIDENCE

FROM EVERY PART OF THE COUNTRY

The following extracts from a few of the many letters of appreciation which have reached our desk were absolutely unsolicited. *Glad to to supply names—to any one interested—on request.*

VERMONT—"I bought a peony collection from you last year and they were fine. Every plant bloomed this spring, some with 5 or 6 blooms—very satisfactory."

CONNECTICUT—"The peonies I planted last November all survived the extremely severe winter we experienced and all bloomed most profusely and beautifully."

NEW YORK—"I have just received my order of peonies—in fine condition, packing, still wet and fresh. Will say I have been buying bulbs for years but these are the largest and finest that I have ever been able to get. I thank you very much for your prompt shipment and attention to my order."

NEW YORK—"I wish to take this opportunity of telling you of the great satisfaction I enjoyed through the purchase of plants from you last year. Your plants were received late in September—and planted immediately, and when the blooming season arrived this spring I was delighted with the showing. No plant had less than five blooms and one showed nine blooms. It was a pleasure for me to tell interested friends and neighbors where I got such unusual fine varieties, and you will probably receive some orders from this section through the favorable advertising my garden gave your stock."

NEW JERSEY—"I am writing you asking for one of your catalogs. The peonies I ordered last fall have been a pleasant surprise—the greater part are in bloom. Some of them have as many as 15 flowers. I have bought peonies for years but these are the very best that I have ever had."

DELAWARE—"The box of peonies arrived in perfect condition. They are certainly a beautiful collection of roots and I thank you very much for such generous and interested treatment."

Before ordering from you I sent for and studied carefully the catalogs of all the largest peony growers in the East and Middle West. Your prices for wonderful clumps are the same as other growers charge for stingy divisions. I feel indeed fortunate to have found such a generous and reliable firm so early in my gardening experience. I shall take great pleasure in recommending you to all my friends. Again thanking you."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—"It may interest you to know that each of the 26 varieties of peonies I got from you last fall bloomed this spring and summer, all but two having more than one bloom and several having eight and ten."

ILLINOIS—"I have deferred making any comment regarding the peony roots I purchased from you and what they have produced.

Allow me to say that they have passed my fondest expectations. Unquestionably you folks are giving the biggest value in peonies ever offered and quality that cannot be surpassed, and this expression comes from one who has made a sincere study of peony culture, for the love of this particular flower."

ILLINOIS—"I received your peonies last month and wish to thank you for the liberal stock you sent me.

I can but repeat the praise others have given you which is not exaggerated.

The roots are very large, spreading and healthy and excel any I have obtained from other growers. You know how to grow peonies and I hope you will list more of the rare varieties next year.

I will give you a large order next Fall and will be pleased to recommend you to others."

ILLINOIS—"In addition to my continued patronage I might add that I am stirring up much Peony enthusiasm in this locality with your wonderful grade of stock, altho the divided root dealers had created a serious epidemic of despair with their tiny plants that require years of waiting for a bouquet.

Said dealers may be gaining more pocket profits but you are gaining a Nation-wide monument to your honor than no amount of profit could ever duplicate.

I alone have made an ugly hill look like a reflection of the rain-bow, and a glorious tribute to Mohican quality. Long may it live."

MICHIGAN—"I thought I would drop you a line and let you know the roots I received from you last fall were very satisfactory. Sixteen of the eighteen plants bloomed, which I consider remarkable. Your roots must be at least 3 or 4 years old, some of yours bearing as high as 6 and 8 flowers and they were all true to name."

WISCONSIN—"It was through my neighbor Mr. ———, that I ordered some peony plants of you, three or four years ago. I am so delighted with the progress of these plants that I've decided to grow more of them. This last spring they were wonderful. They have given me so much pleasure that I am anxious to recommend your peonies to all flower lovers."

TENNESSEE—"The peony roots arrived safely a few days ago and I want to thank you for sending me such magnificent clumps. I am delighted with my order and shall take great pleasure in recommending you to my friends. I hope to send you another order next fall."

MISSISSIPPI—"I bought a number of plants from you several years ago and I have had wonderful results from them. Festiva Maxima (and others, naming them) have proven splendid investments. I have wanted to write you of my success, especially when everybody, almost without exception, prophesied dire failure for peonies this far south—mine are wonderful."

IOWA—"Two years ago this fall—I ordered your collection. In the spring twenty-two out of the twenty-five sent out lively blossoms contrary to the prediction of all my peony loving friends. This year they all bloomed but one and were a joy in every way. I wouldn't part with any one of them. Peonies are not supposed to send up blooms before the third year but I can't imagine anything more lovely than those I had this year and only the second year for them."

COLORADO—"The bulbs I received from you last fall came up beautifully but as our house was sold in May I missed the delight of seeing them bloom. They all had buds, which surprised my doubting neighbors."

WASHINGTON—"I received Peony roots all O. K. and can say that I don't think that I ever saw any better ones. I don't see how they could be better for the money."

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A MESSAGE FROM

MOHICAN PEONY GARDENS

SINKING SPRING, PA.

Peony Photograph Contest

Many of our customers have, during the past few years, voluntarily sent us photographs of their gardens, showing how the roots they purchased from us have thrived and how their gardens have been enhanced by the use of peonies. These illustrations have been of so much interest to us that we have decided to illustrate our catalog with such photographs instead of inserting our own pictures.

The photographs we hope to receive will come from those who are deeply interested in peonies. What prize for the effort expended could be more fitting than a fine collection of Mohican roots?

If you have Mohican Peonies and a camera enter the contest for one of the following prizes:-

- First Prize: \$50.00 worth of Mohican Peonies
- Second Prize: 30.00 worth of Mohican Peonies
- Third Prize: 15.00 worth of Mohican Peonies
- Seven other prizes, each valued at \$5.00.

TERMS OF THE CONTEST:-

Photographs submitted must be on brown gloss paper or as second choice black gloss paper.

Name and address must be plainly written in ink on the back of each photograph: also name of variety of peony or peonies shown.

The peonies photographed must be grown from Mohican roots.

Pictures may be of gardens or of cut flowers.

There is no limit to size of photograph or number submitted by any one person.

Not more than one prize will be allotted to any one contestant.

Photographs must be in our hands by July first.

Any prints submitted may be used in our catalog.

All prize-winning pictures will be reproduced with the names and addresses of the successful contestants.

Prints will be returned only on request.

Send no letter—just the photographs.

Announcement of the awards of prizes will be made in our 1922 catalog.

Shipment of the prizes will be made the first week in September by *prepaid* express. Winners may select the peonies they most desire and we will do our best to supply just what they may ask for.

Most of the photographs entered in the contest will be taken during this season. Our catalog must go to press July tenth to reach you August first. Time is therefore short and requires prompt action.

PLAN NOW TO HEAD THE LIST OF WINNERS.

